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## E-Legislative Update

November 28, 2011



Today marks the beginning of the special legislative session which is limited to 30 days. The Legislature convenes to work on filling the hole in the current two-year budget.

Last week, Governor Gregoire presented a [supplemental budget](#). The supplemental budget calls for more than \$2 billion in spending cuts, reductions to local government revenue sharing and fund transfers to leave a \$600 million

reserve. The governor also recommended several revenue options, that if approved by voters and the Legislature, would prevent cuts to programs that benefit our students, our most vulnerable and the public's safety.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.

You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on the budget or a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information through our [e-legislative update](#) and website. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### Ways & Means

11/30/11 3:30 pm

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** Governor's 2012 Supplemental Operating Budget Proposal.  
K-12 and Higher Education.

## **Higher Education**

**12/2/11 10:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Work Session:**

1. Legislative Priorities.
  - a. Higher Education Coordinating Board.
  - b. State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.
  - c. Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.
  - d. Council of Presidents of Public Baccalaureate Institutions.
2. Higher Education Steering Committee: Governor's Office.
3. Higher Education Master Plan: Higher Education Coordinating Board.

## **Education**

**12/2/11 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Work Session:**

1. School improvement and accountability system update.
2. Waivers and flexibility under No Child Left Behind.
3. Teacher Principal Evaluation Project: July 2011 Preliminary Report.
4. Health and nutrition in schools.

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## **Health and Human Services**

### **Ways & Means**

**12/1/11 3:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** Governor's 2012 Supplemental Operating Budget Proposal.  
Human Services.

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## **Economic Development**

### **General Government Appropriations & Oversight**

**11/30/11 3:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
Jt. w/ House Community Dev & Housing  
Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Budget and program review of economic development programs.

## **Labor & Workforce Development**

**12/2/11 8:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Workforce development system.

## **Community Development & Housing**

**12/2/11 10:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** International trade.

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## **Budget**

### **Ways & Means**

**11/28/11 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing/Possible Executive Session:** [HB 2127](#) - Making 2011-2013 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. (If measure is referred to committee.)

### **Ways & Means**

**11/29/11 3:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee  
Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Governor's 2012 Supplemental Operating Budget Proposal Overview.  
Public hearings on the Gov's proposed budget will be held on the following dates: 11/30 K-12 & Higher Education; 12/1 Human Services; 12/6 Health Care/LTC/DD; 12/7 Criminal Justice & Local Gov't; 12/8 Natural Resources/Courts/General Gov't. Other business.

### **Capital Budget**

**12/1/11 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** 2012 session preview.

## **General Government Appropriations & Oversight**

**12/1/11 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Budget Outlook for the 2012 Legislative Session.

## **Ways & Means**

**12/1/11 3:30 pm**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

### **Work Session:**

1. November economic and revenue forecast update.
2. Budget Outlook for the 2012 Session.
3. Impact of initiatives on the 2011-13 operating budget.
  - a. Initiative 1163 (home care workers).
  - b. Initiative 1183 (liquor sales).

Information is current as of: November 28, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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